

**House Study Bill 684 - Introduced**

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON HITE)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to licenses issued by the board of educational  
2 examiners to teachers licensed out of state.  
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, subsection 17, Code 2022, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 17. Adopt rules to require that a background investigation  
4 be conducted by the division of criminal investigation of the  
5 department of public safety on all initial applicants for  
6 licensure, and all applicants under subsection 27. The board  
7 shall also require all initial applicants and all applicants  
8 under subsection 27 to submit a completed fingerprint packet  
9 and shall use the packet to facilitate a national criminal  
10 history background check. The board shall have access to,  
11 and shall review the sex offender registry information under  
12 section 692A.121 available to the general public, information  
13 in the Iowa court information system available to the general  
14 public, the central registry for child abuse information  
15 established under [chapter 235A](#), and the dependent adult abuse  
16 records maintained under [chapter 235B](#) for information regarding  
17 applicants for license renewal.

18 Sec. 2. Section 272.2, Code 2022, is amended by adding the  
19 following new subsection:

20 NEW SUBSECTION. 27. Adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A  
21 requiring the board to issue a teaching license with the  
22 applicable endorsements to an applicant who is licensed as a  
23 teacher in another state, whose license is in good standing,  
24 and who has been working as a teacher in that state for the past  
25 three consecutive years, that allows the applicant to teach  
26 the same grade levels and subjects the applicant is licensed  
27 to teach in the other state. This subsection does not require  
28 that a school district or an accredited nonpublic school has  
29 offered a teaching contract to the applicant.

30 EXPLANATION

31 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
32 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

33 This bill relates to licenses issued by the board of  
34 educational examiners (BOEE) to teachers licensed out of state.

35 The bill requires the BOEE to issue a teaching license with

1 the applicable endorsements to an applicant who is licensed as  
2 a teacher in another state, whose license is in good standing,  
3 and who has been working as a teacher in that state for the past  
4 three consecutive years, that allows the applicant to teach the  
5 same grade levels and subjects the applicant is licensed to  
6 teach in the other state. The bill provides that the applicant  
7 is not required to have been offered a teaching contract by a  
8 school district or an accredited nonpublic school.

9 The bill establishes that applicants for these licenses  
10 are subject to the requirements related to background  
11 investigations, the submission of fingerprint packets, and  
12 criminal history searches applicable to all initial applicants  
13 for licensure.